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COUNTRY HAITI

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SUBJECT

COMMENTS BY HAITIAN ARMY OFFICERS REGARDING THEIR EFFORTS TO SUPPRESS REBEL ACTIVITIES

PLACE & DATE ACQ [redacted]

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1. IN MID-AUGUST 1964 PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DUVALIER ORDERED THREE OF HIS TOP ARMY OFFICERS TO CONDUCT A PERSONAL INSPECTION OF THEIR TROOPS IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHY THE ADVANCES BY REBEL FORCES HAD NOT BEEN REPELLED. THE OFFICERS WHO CONDUCTED THE INSPECTION INCLUDED [redacted] FOLLOWING THE REVIEW OF TROOPS AND AREAS WHERE REBEL COMBAT ACTIVITY WAS TAKING PLACE, [redacted] REPORTED TO DUVALIER THAT THE HAITIAN ARMY WAS NOT ABLE TO FIGHT GUERRILLAS, BECAUSE OF LACK OF PREPARATION TO COUNTER HIT-AND-RUN TACTICS EMPLOYED BY THE REBEL ATTACKERS. [redacted]

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2. REBEL ADVANCES HAVE CONTINUED IN SEVERAL PARTS OF HAITI. CASUALTIES OF DUVALIER TROOPS HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO MEMBERS OF THE TONTON MACOUTES (TM) WITH NO CASUALTIES LISTED IN THE ARMY. REBEL FORCES AS OF 18 AUGUST REMAINED IN CONTROL OF THE RURAL TOWN OF THIOTTE. [redacted]

3. RETALIATION BY DUVALIER IS CONTINUING WITH ATTACKS BEING DIRECTED PRINCIPALLY AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE MULATTO CLASS. IN LATE AUGUST ALL PRISONERS WHO WERE HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT PALACE WERE ASSASSINATED. [redacted] COMMENT: NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE ON THE REPORT THAT DUVALIER HAD ASSASSINATED ALL PRISONERS.)

4. [redacted] DISSEM: STATE, ARMY [redacted] CINCLANT; CINCSO.

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